

## NOT ENCOURAGING.

### Mayor Cowherd Thinks It Doubtful If the City Gets More Dramshop License.

Mayor Cowherd and ex-senator W. B. Teasdale returned yesterday from Jefferson City, where they appeared before the senate committee on ways and means Wednesday afternoon in support of the bill giving to Kansas City 80 per cent of the annual county dramshop license fund. The mayor said yesterday that if the city could not get 80 per cent of the fund he would perforce be satisfied with 50 per cent, but if the city could not get 50 per cent it could not get any—and he was very much afraid it could not get any.

"We had nobody to help us," said the mayor. "The whole county contingent was there to lobby against us, and Senator Dick Love of Independence is decidedly against us. It looks dubious. All we could say was that the city greatly needed the money, that the city saloons paid the money, and that we ought to have it. With four new fire engines to buy and the extra expense of maintaining them, with the city to clean and put in condition to repel cholera, and with a levy restricted to 1 mill on the dollar by the Columbia decision, I do not see what we are going to do this summer. We need more money to protect the city from fire and disease, and if the disease comes the county will stand off by itself and leave us to fight it alone."

The bill provides that Kansas City is to have \$500 and the county \$250 of the annual license paid by each dram shop to the city and county together. Under the present law the positions are exactly reversed.